

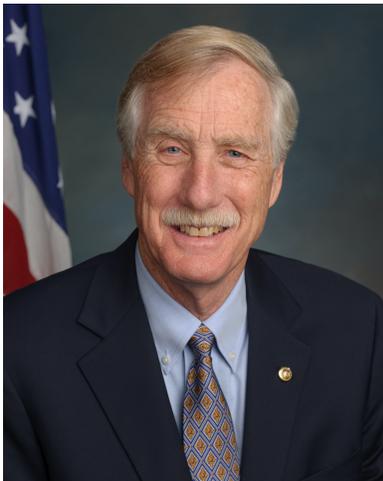


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A Strong Economy Needs Strong Families: A bipartisan discussion on paid family leave with Senators Fischer and King

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Senator Angus King

U.S. Senator

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In January 2013, Angus King was sworn in as Maine's first Independent United States Senator, filling the same seat once held by storied Maine leaders Edmund Muskie, George Mitchell, and Olympia Snowe. A strong believer in the need for greater bipartisan dialogue and relationship building, Senator King is proud to join the long line of thoughtful, independent leaders from the State of Maine, and he works hard every day to bring Republicans and Democrats together to find common-sense solutions for Maine and America.

Senator King also served as the 72nd Governor of Maine, and achieved significant reforms in education, mental health services, land conservation, environmental protection, and the delivery of state services. He was re-elected in 1998 by one of the largest margins in Maine's history.

Senator King is married to Mary Herman and has four sons, Angus III, Duncan, James, and Ben, one daughter, Molly, and six grandchildren. He attended Dartmouth College and the University of Virginia Law School.



Senator Deb Fischer

U.S. Senator

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A lifelong Nebraskan, Deb Fischer is the senior senator from Nebraska. In November 2012, Fischer was elected to the U.S. Senate becoming the first Nebraska woman elected to a full term and the first Nebraska state senator elected directly after service in the state legislature. Six years later, in November 2018, Nebraskans overwhelmingly voted to send her back to the U.S. Senate for a second term. Fischer is committed to working with Republicans and Democrats alike to advance sensible policies that will promote strong Nebraska families and communities.

Senator Fischer is a member of Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell’s leadership team, serving as counsel to the Majority Leader. In this position, which she has held since 2015, she presents the concerns of Nebraskans directly to the Republican Senate leadership. Before her election to the U.S. Senate, Fischer served in the Nebraska Unicameral, representing the 43rd Legislative District since 2004.

Born and raised in Lincoln, Nebraska, Senator Fischer attended the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and graduated with a degree in education. She and her husband, Bruce, have been married for over 40 years and own a ranching business near Valentine. They have three sons and three Grandchildren.

PANELISTS



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As Vice President, Government Affairs, Lisa oversees SHRM’s public policy activities on Capitol Hill and in the federal agencies on issues important to the HR profession. She is responsible for implementing direct lobbying and member advocacy campaigns to influence workplace public policy. She has also led several employer coalition efforts on key workplace issues.

Since joining SHRM in 2004, Lisa has served as the organization’s lobbyist on public policy issues impacting work, workers and the workplace. Prior to joining SHRM, Lisa worked for the U.S. House of Representatives as a staff member to two different Members of Congress. A native Nebraskan, Lisa began her career as a senatorial aide in the

Nebraska Legislature, while completing a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

MODERATOR



Adrienne Schweer
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Adrienne Schweer is a BPC fellow and leads its Paid Family Leave Task Force. A Nebraska native, Schweer first came to Washington, D.C., to work for then-Sen. Chuck Hagel, following many years of working in campaigns, including those of Rep. Jeff Fortenberry (R-NE). After her years of service on Capitol Hill, Schweer joined the rock star Bono’s non-profit organization, The ONE Campaign, where she led partnership strategy and

advocacy in support of African development, including maternal and child health.

From 2014 to 2017, Schweer served as chief of protocol to Defense Secretaries Chuck Hagel, Ashton Carter, and Jim Mattis in the Pentagon. During this time, Schweer started a non-profit organization, Family Leave Works, to find bipartisan solutions to paid family leave. She has worked across the aisle to shape policy and helped corporations elevate stories of how paid family leave is good for business. In 2018, she helped BPC stand up the first bipartisan Paid Family Leave Task Force.

She and her husband have three young daughters and a son. Schweer holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in history and communications from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and is the recipient of multiple awards, including the Secretary of Defense Medal for Outstanding Public Service.

